

The Forum for Research into Equality and Diversity (FRED)
In Collaboration with the University of Northampton

Discrimination Law Update



Monday 11th April 2016, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Aston University, Aston Triangle, Birmingham, B4 7ET

Sponsored by Santander
2 CPD Hours

All proceeds from the event to go to Cheshire Halton & Warrington Race & Equality
Centre and Northamptonshire Rights and Equality Council.

Places are limited and cost of attendance is £50 per person
To register and book a place asap go to www.chester.ac.uk/FRED or
for further details email: Chantal.davies@chester.ac.uk

The Forum for Research into Equality and Diversity in collaboration with the University of Northampton will be running a two-hour Discrimination Law Update on Monday 11th April 2016 at Aston University in Birmingham. Robin Allen QC and Professor Muriel Robison will provide an update for lawyers, managers, and HR practitioners on key case law and legislative developments in the UK and the EU during 2015/2016. There will also be an opportunity to see what the future holds in relation to discrimination law and explore implications for practice of recent developments.

This is an opportunity to gain CPD points and listen to an update from two of the UK's leading experts in the area of equality law at a time of great change in this area. The cost is just £50 per person and all proceeds will be going towards supporting the important work of Cheshire Halton & Warrington Race & Equality Centre and the Northamptonshire Rights and Equality Council.

Robin Allen QC:

Robin Allen is Head of Cloisters barristers' chambers (www.cloisters.com), a Recorder, and chairs the Bar's Equality & Diversity, and Social Mobility, Committees. He specialises in employment, equality and human rights law. His very wide range of clients include the European Commission, major FTSE companies, Trade Unions, NGOs and Governmental organisations, as well as both UK Equality Commissions, the NI Children's Commissioner, the Irish Equality Authority, and Harvard Law School. He has twice been Chambers and Partners Employment Law Silk of the Year.

Robin has appeared in nearly 40 cases in the HL/SC and more reported employment cases than any other barrister. Recent newsworthy cases include the Gay Cake Case *Lee v Ashers*, the ongoing billion pound pensions for part-time judges litigation *O'Brien v. MOJ*, the wheelchairs v. buggies on buses litigation *Firstgroup v Paulley*, the servitude and race discrimination case *Onu v Akwivu*, the disability and airlines case *Stott v Thomas Cook*, and the guests in a civil partnership at a Christian hotel case *Bull and Bull v. Hall and Preddy*. He recently secured exceptional case legal aid for representation in the Employment Tribunal in *R (Puthenveetil) v Legal Aid Agency*.

His books include *Family Rights at Work*, *Jordans 2012*, the OUP Guide to the Equality Act 2010, and *Employment Law and Human Rights*, OUP 2008.

Professor Muriel Robison:

Muriel Robison (LLB (Hons) (University of Edinburgh), DipLP (University of Edinburgh), LLM (Human Rights) (Glasgow Graduate School of Law), MBA (University of Strathclyde), BA (OU), LLD (University of Glasgow).

Muriel's primary area of interest is employment law and human rights, with a particular expertise in equality law. She has researched and published on aspects of

British and European law relating to discrimination and equal pay. She is a part-time employment judge and principally combine that role with lecturing in the Law School at Glasgow University and in the Business School at Edinburgh University. She is the former Head of Commission Enforcement at the Equality and Human Rights Commission and former Director of Legal Affairs at the Equal Opportunities Commission in Scotland. In those roles, she represented clients in discrimination and equal pay cases at the employment tribunal, the EAT, the Court of Session, the House of Lords and the European Court of Justice.

She also co-edits *Green's Employment Law Bulletin* and provides ad hoc consultancy and training on equality issues. Her clients have included the Law Society of Scotland, the Judicial Appointments Board, the Equality and Human Rights Commission, the Scottish Commission for Human Rights, NHS Health Scotland and a number of local authorities. *Employment Law and Human Rights*, OUP 2008.

Muriel is a Visiting Professor at the University of Chester Law School.

Forum for Research into Equality and Diversity:

The Forum for Research into Equality and Diversity focuses on and specialises in research and knowledge transfer activities in the area of diversity and equality across a range of disciplines. The Forum provides a much needed knowledge transfer resource for local voluntary organisations, lawyers, HR practitioners, academics and businesses across the North West and beyond.

During 2015/16, the Forum will be working with recognised experts to present a series of events on issues relating to equality and diversity. For further details of these events see the Forum website at:

www.chester.ac.uk/FRED.